

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the indication that claims 3 and 5 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the claims have been amended solely to expedite allowance of the application. Independent claims 20 and 21 have been amended to include the features previously recited in now-canceled claim 5. Claims 4, 6, and 11 have been amended for purposes of consistency with the instant independent claims. Claims 3 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 4, 6-11, 14, 15, 18, 20, and 21 are now pending in the application. Claims 20 and 21 are independent. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments. Entry of each of the amendments is respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned claim amendments, the rejection of claims 2, 4, 6-11, 14, 15, 18, 20, and 21 under § 103(a) based on GB 1 604 803 to Kelso, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 4,992,308 to Sunol is respectfully deemed to be obviated.

Since this application has been amended in response to the indication of allowable subject matter, entry of this Amendment after final is deemed to be proper without the necessity for a Request for Continued Examination.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. If the examiner

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believes that an interview might expedite prosecution, the examiner
is invited to contact the undersigned.

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